

To whom it may Concern,

Re: Response to your inquiry on Canadian interaction with American fleet

Mr. Hogan and Mr. Helvey,

I am a 3rd generation captain, and owner with 42yrs vested in the Tuna Industry. As a stockholder, I am against the current regime. I have had the unfortunate experience to watch the Canadian Treaty grow from a lopsided arrangement for fisherman to what it is today, a bad arrangement.

Overcrowding from foreign vessels in our own EEZ, have lead to exploitation and competing for our own resources, shore facilities, and anywhere from docking space to markets. This is a seasonal fishery with our coast as the main backdrop. The migratory nature of albacore gives us a small limited window of time and space in which we can fish and make a living. Due to the overcrowding of Canadian vessels it puts the American fisherman in a defensive and hostile environment forcing the American boats to leave good producing areas, in search of far lesser producing areas. This act causes an extreme hike on our expense levels, loss of time, and fuel for traveling trying to locate less congested areas. With the current climate of world economics, all countries are beginning to re-evaluate their relationships with their own ocean rights and resources, we should as well. First off, we must protect our citizens, our fisherman and our countries rights and resources. Secondly, we must also listen to the unified voice of the people that are most affected, **the U.S. fisherman**.

I appreciate the time you have allowed me to voice my deep concerns of the continuation of the Canadian regime. Again I must reiterate that I am not for the continuation of the regime, and I think it best if we discontinue and dissolve the regime to protect the future of American fisherman and the industry.

Thank you,

Bobby Blocker

F/V Her Grace

